

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled).

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A headphone set comprising:

a hoop band having two ends;

an acoustic transducer being fixed to each of the two ends, respectively;

said hoop band extending arcuately in a plane and having at least one first joint for folding the ends of the hoop band inwardly in the plane and an elastic region for resiliently expanding and narrowing the hoop band;

wherein the one first joint for folding the ends of the hoop band inwardly is arranged at the apex of the hoop band, that the headphone set is of mirror image symmetry about a plane and that the fixing of each of the transducers to the ends of the hoop band has a second joint for pivoting the transducers relative with respect to the end of the hoop band into the plane of symmetry which is at a right angle to the plane of the hoop band and that the transducers and/or the hoop band in the region of the ends thereof each have a respective connecting structure which can be connected to each other and which then in co-operating relationship, with the ends of the hoop band folded inwardly, hold the acoustic transducers in a condition of substantially bearing against each other in the plane of symmetry

wherein the transducers are protectively surrounded by limbs of the hoop band when the hoop band is folded inwardly about the first joint.